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RESTRUCTURING OF PLANTATION OPERATION
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tea Board has any proposal to restructure its plantation operation;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that direction;

(c) whether any emphasis is being given to increase the production of green leaf;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other programmes included in the restructuring of the plantation operation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (e): Tea Board does not have any plantation of its own and therefore the question of restructuring its plantation operations does not arise. However, Tea Board is implementing a number of developmental Schemes during the 10th Five Year Plan, under which emphasis is being given on improving productivity and quality of tea produced from the existing area rather than expansion of area. This is with a view to maintain a balance between the present demand and supply for tea. Emphasis is also being given on extending necessary R&D support to the tea industry besides improving the marketability of Indian tea and promoting exports.